

I call on you to hold an official public hearing in my state.

Before the disastrous 2003 decision to weaken media ownership rules (which a federal court has now overturned), you held only one official public hearing. Further, FCC officials met behind closed doors 71 times with major broadcasters – but only five times with public interest groups. And to justify your actions, you used deceptive, industry-sponsored research data.

The will of Big Media had been heeded at the expense of American citizens and democracy itself. This has to end. Before you rewrite the ownership rules, I demand an official public FCC hearing in my state, impartial and verifiable research, and transparent debates.

It is time to put the needs of democracy – a diverse, skeptical, independent and competitive media system – ahead of profit-hungry media giants.

What a disappointment the last year or so has been for the viewing public. The FCC is supposed to be for the public interest not the corporations. Give us back our airwaves and make the broadcasters do thier job in presenting the viewing public fair accurate reporting and responsible programing. I am so tired of turning on the news and getting an in depth report on the Laci peterson case that goes on for 10 minutes and then hearing an interupted 60 second blip of the elections and then thats skewed to the current presidents favor. This is not what we(the public) deserve and we can do better.